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deaths. Prevailing diseases, malarial fever and tuberculosis; general sanitary condition of this port and the surrounding country during the week, good.

Bills of health were issued to the following-named vessels:

Date.	Vessel.	Number of crew.	Number of passengers from this port.	Number of passengers in transit.	Pieces of baggage disinfected.
Sept. 7	Alabama	20	6	1	0
10	Nicaragua	19	0	0	0

Number of aliens for the week, 4.

PANAMA.

Report from Colon—Inspection of vessels.

Acting Assistant Surgeon Mohr reports, September 14, as follows:

During the week ended September 10, 1904, the following vessels have cleared for ports in the United States and have been granted bills of health: Norwegian steamship *Harald* for New Orleans, via Limon, September 5, with 22 crew and no passengers; British steamship *Barbadian* for New Orleans, via Jamaica and Mexican ports, September 7, with 45 crew and 51 passengers; British steamship *Cape Comino* for Philadelphia, September 7, with 24 crew and no passengers; American steamship *Finance* for New York, September 7, with 63 crew and 89 passengers; Norwegian steamship *Beacon* for New Orleans, via Bocas del Toro, September 8, with 25 crew and no passengers; British steamship *Viscaina* for a port in the United States, via Daiquiri, Cuba, September 10, with 22 crew and no passengers.

Mortality—Improved sanitary conditions.

The sanitary conditions of Colon begin to show some improvement.

There have been 3 deaths during the period from September 1 to 12, as follows: 1 Jamaican, age 63, from fever; 1 Chinaman, age 68, from fever; 1 Panaman, age 10 months, from fever.

The cleaning of lots and streets and the drainage of the many collections of water have had a good effect, the number of mosquitoes being considerably diminished.

The old hospital formerly operated by the French Canal Company and for years used as a charity hospital will to-day be transferred to the sanitary department of the Isthmian Canal Commission. This will give the sanitary officials a better control of the situation.

Report from Bocos del Toro, fruit port.

Acting Assistant Surgeon Osterhout reports as follows: Week ended September 15, 1904. Present officially estimated population not obtainable; number of deaths, 2; prevailing diseases, malarial fevers; general sanitary condition of this port and the surrounding country during the week, good.

Bills of health were issued to the following-named vessels:

Date.	Vessel.	Destination.	Number of crew.	Number of passengers from this port.	Number of passengers in transit.	Pieces of baggage.
Sept. 9	Fort Morgan	Mobile	23	3	0	5
9	Managua	do	16	0	0	0
11	Belvernon	do	22	2	0	2
14	Beacon	New Orleans	25	0	0	0
14	Schr. Herald	Colon		57	0	(a)

a Not inspected.

One addition to crew of Norwegian ss. Belvernon.

PERSIA.

Report from Teheran—Cholera epidemic extinct.

Vice-Consul-General Tyler reports, August 27, as follows:

Before concluding my weekly reports on the cholera epidemic I took occasion yesterday to make inquiries of people from different parts of the city, especially such as lived in the lower parts of the denser districts, where the disease raged with the greatest malignancy. So far as the observations and connections of my informants carried them, I was assured that there was no sign of a cholera case left within the walls.

I shall not, unless there should be a recrudescence of the epidemic, write again on the subject.

PHILIPPINE ISLANDS.

Reports from Manila—Quarantinable diseases—Inspection and fumigation of vessels.

Chief Quarantine Officer Heiser reports August 9, 16, and 19 as follows:

During the week ended July 30, 1904, the only quarantinable diseases reported in Manila were 6 cases of plague, with 6 deaths.

July 25, 1904, the steamer *Schuylkill* cleared for New York, via Cebu. The crew and passengers will be inspected at the latter port, as well as any other precautions taken that may be necessary.

July 25, 1904, the schooner *Louisiana* cleared for Port Townsend. The vessel was fumigated with sulphur throughout, and crew inspected on board prior to sailing.

During the week ended August 6, 1904, the quarantinable diseases reported in Manila were 2 cases of smallpox, with 1 death, and 4 cases of plague, with 4 deaths.

The following vessels cleared for United States ports:

August 4, 1904, the American bark *James Nesmith*, bound for Port Townsend. The vessel was fumigated with sulphur. The crew were inspected on board prior to sailing.

August 6, 1904, the American steamer *Hyades* bound for Tacoma via China and Japan ports. The vessel was fumigated with sulphur. Over 150 rats were found. Probably many more will be found on further inspection. The *Hyades* is a vessel of 3,753 tons and this